

Wilkerson Nature Preserve

Pre-K Programs Ages 3-5

Each program is \$3 and designed for ages 3-5 years with accompanying adult (no fee for adult). Register online at [parks.raleighnc.gov RecLink](https://parks.raleighnc.gov/RecLink). Note: Some parts of programs may take place on trails that are inaccessible for strollers. Please dress for the weather and outdoor fun!

Wildlife in Winter

What do wild animals do in winter? Let's pretend to be animals that hibernate, migrate and stay warm in the cold, winter woods! Take a hike, do a craft, and learn how to help our wild friends.

#166025	Jan 23	F	12:45 PM-2:15 PM
#166026	Jan 24	Sa	10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Foxes and Coyotes

How are foxes and coyotes similar to and different from dogs? Meet Red the Fox and Carrie the Coyote and hear their stories. We'll go outside to look for their tracks and dens. Make a fox track and do a craft!

#166034	Feb 20	F	12:45 PM-2:15 PM
#166036	Feb 21	Sa	10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Fairies and Trolls

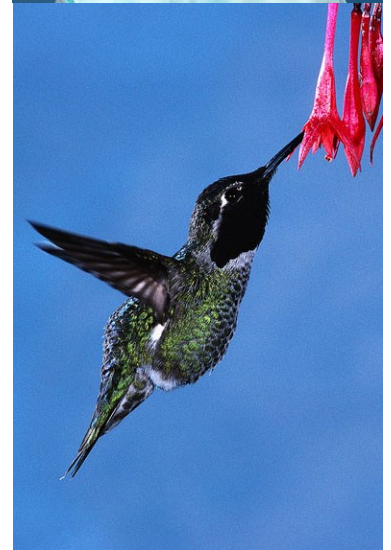
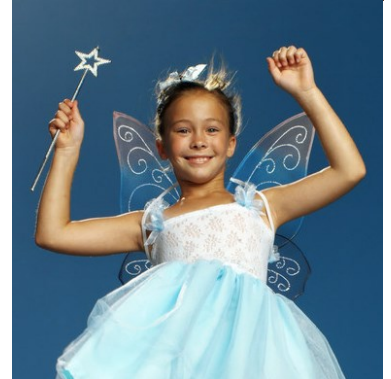
Do fairies and trolls live at the nature preserve? Come find out. Make a tiny house in the woods for a mouse, bug, toad, woodland fairy or even a troll. Wear fairy wings and walk the fairy trails! Bring your imagination.

#166038	Mar 27	F	12:45 PM-2:15 PM
#166039	Mar 28	Sa	10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Welcome, Hummingbirds

The hummingbirds are coming back to Raleigh from their winter homes in Mexico and Central America. Learn about hummers and play some hummingbird games. Help us put up the nectar feeders in the park for our hungry hummingbirds.

#166041	Apr 10	F	12:45 PM-2:15 PM
#166042	Apr 11	Sa	10:30 AM-12:00 PM



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Youth Programs Ages 5-8

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Owl Pellets #166024 Jan 10 Sa 3:00 PM-5:00 PM \$3

An owl doesn't digest the fur, feathers or bones of its prey. Instead, owls cough up some pretty disgusting pellets, which you will get to dissect! Weather permitting, we'll take a hike in the winter woods to call for owls.

Wolves, Coyotes and Foxes #166031 Feb 7 Sa 10:30 AM-12:00 PM \$5

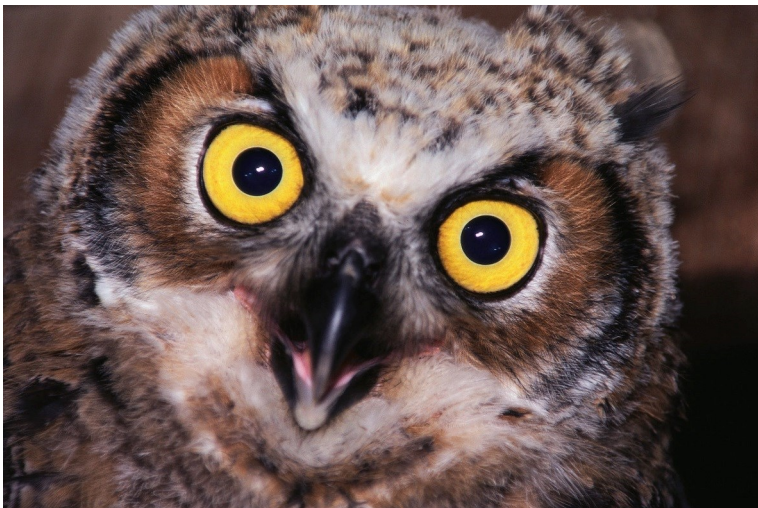
Find out if wolves, coyotes and foxes live at the nature preserve or around Falls Lake. We'll look for their tracks and signs along park trails. Take home a plaster cast of your favorite wild dog's paws!

Fairy Houses and Toad Abodes #166061 Mar 14 Sa 2:00 PM-4:00 PM \$5

Create a fairy house in the woods for a mouse, bug, toad or other woodland fairy. We'll provide lots of natural materials that you can use to build the fairy house of your dreams in our special Fairy Village. Decorate and take home a clay pot 'toad abode' for your yard.

Stream Explorers #166043 Apr 18 Sa 2:00 PM-4:00 PM \$3

Follow a stream channel in the park to find out where water goes. We'll explore how water moves and affects rocks and soil. Where is the stream the widest and the deepest and why? Who lives in the stream?



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Youth Programs Ages 8-12

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Geology Detectives: Minerals #166084 Jan 9 F 2:00 PM-4:00 PM \$5

Don't be fooled by Fool's Gold--learn how geologists test minerals by using properties including hardness, streak, color, luster and acid reactivity. Take on the challenge of testing and identifying a variety of mineral samples. Take home a mineral for your own collection!

Meteorology Masters: Weather Instruments #166086 Feb 6 F 2:00 PM-4:00 PM \$5

You could ask a groundhog, or join us to learn how scientists really predict the weather by practicing your own observation-based forecast. We will measure the atmosphere using tools including an anemometer, hygrometer, barometer and sling psychrometer. Make a weather instrument to take home!

Equinox Astronomy #166087 Mar 20 F 2:00 PM-4:00 PM \$5

Why do we have seasons? Why do we say the spring days are 'getting longer'? How do flowers know when to bloom? In this investigation, we will construct models to understand how the source of the seasons is literally, 'out of this world.' Take your model home and impress your friends, or your teacher!

The Pollination Game #166088 Apr 17 F 2:00 PM-4:00 PM \$5

Find out how plants attract animals, from birds to beetles, and trick them into carrying their pollen around. This incredible pollination game creates most of our fruits and vegetables. Explore the preserve's pollinators and take home materials to help you find pollinators lurking in your backyard.



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Families with Young Children

Spring 2015

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Twilight Walk

Many animals are most active right around sunset and in the early evening. Take a walk with a park naturalist to explore the woods and fields during this special time. We'll search for signs of deer, coyotes, owls and more. Designed for families with young children, all ages are welcome and children must be accompanied by an adult. \$2 fee applies to all participants ages 4 through adult.

#166083 Mar 7 Sa 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

Nature Play Day! (FREE)

Join us anytime between 11 am and 3 pm to enjoy our latest ideas for playing in nature — free of charge! Children of all ages are welcome to join us for fun and imaginative play in a natural setting. Dig for gemstones, make a fort out of natural materials, fly a kite, make mud pies, and more. We'll provide the materials and guidance to get you started on a playful adventure. Children must be accompanied by an adult. If you can't make this play day, you can check out Nature Play Kits free of charge whenever the park office is open.

#166023 Mar 21 Sa 11:00 AM-3:00 PM



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Adult & Family Programs

Winter-Spring 2015

Each program is \$2 for all participants (ages 5 and up) and children must be accompanied by an adult. Register online at reclink.raleighnc.gov Please dress for the weather and outdoor fun!

Astronomy Nights

What's up in space this month? Find out the answer in our new monthly astronomy programs. Each program begins with an indoor presentation and (weather permitting) moves outside after sunset to view the Moon, stars, and planets with the preserve's 8-inch telescope.

Triple Conjunction: Moon, Mars and Venus	#166062	Feb 20	F	6:00 PM-8:00 PM
First Night of Spring	#166063	Mar 20	F	7:30 PM-9:30 PM
Lyrid Meteors, the Moon, and Jupiter	#166064	Apr 22	W	8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Citizen Science

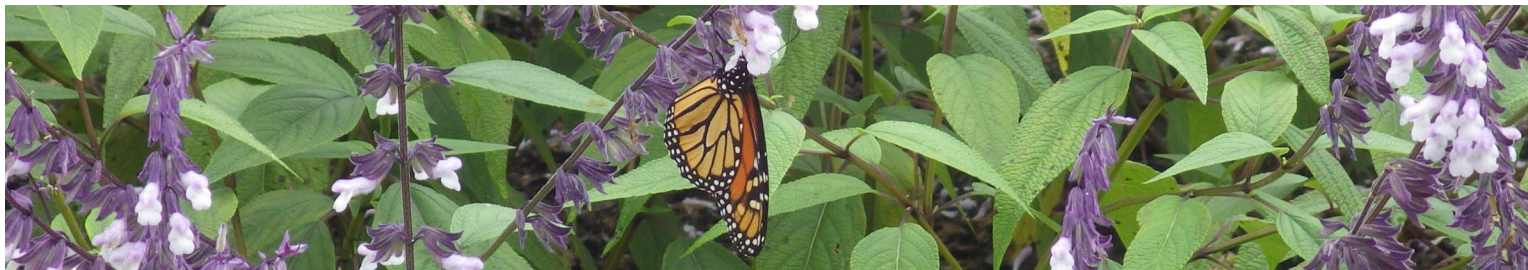
Our natural world is filled with questions, and you may have a piece of the answer in your own backyard! These programs will introduce Citizen Science opportunities where you can participate in real scientific research by contributing data scientists need to understand our changing world.

Project Feederwatch	#166070	Jan 17	Sa	2:00 PM-4:00 PM
Project Budburst	#166071	Mar 28	Sa	2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Naturalist Hikes

What could be better than a walk in the woods? Join an experienced naturalist for a leisurely hike each month that focuses on the changing faces of the nature preserve through the seasons.

Trees in Winter	#166065	Jan 10	Sa	10:30 AM-12:00 Noon
Spring Peepers!	#166066	Feb 14	Sa	10:30 AM-12:00 Noon
March Wildflowers	#166067	Mar 14	Sa	10:30 AM-12:00 Noon
April Wildflowers	#166068	Apr 18	Sa	10:30 AM-12:00 PM



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